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THIS WEEK

CAMPUS

Encore series kicks off trimester

"Late Nite Catechism" by Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan opens this trimester's Encore series 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22 at the Performing Arts Center.

Tickets can be purchased from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Student Services Center on the first floor of the Administration Building. For more information call the 660-562-1212.

Campus Safety director honored

Clarence Green is the president of the Missouri Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators.

Green was elected to his one-year term Dec. 6, 2008. MACLEA was founded in 1992 to create or enhance networking and training opportunities for member officers, staff and administrators.

COMMUNITY

Deadline to file is Tuesday

The last day for candidate filing for the General Municipal Election is next Tuesday. The elections, which will be held Tuesday, April 7, include filings for the Maryville City Council and the Maryville R-II School Board.

Burglaries under investigation

Two burglaries from this past weekend are still under investigation, Maryville Public Safety Director Keith Wood said.

The Northwest Pawn and Thrift Shop at 418 N. Main was burglarized sometime Friday night to early Saturday morning. Two guitars were taken after the front windows were broken. A door was forced open at the American Legion at 104 E Fifth Street sometime early Sunday morning.

Anyone with any information on these incidents is encouraged to call Maryville Public Safety at 562-3209.

BEARCATS

Friday

- Track & Field @ Nebraska Holiday Inn Invitational in Lincoln, Neb. 4 p.m.

Saturday

- Track & Field @ Nebraska Holiday Inn Invitational in Lincoln, Neb. noon

- Women's Basketball @ Southwest Baptist, 5:30 p.m.

- Men's Basketball @ Southwest Baptist, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

- Women's Basketball vs. Missouri Southern, 5:30 p.m.

- Men's Basketball vs. Missouri Southern, 7:30 p.m.

SPOOKHOUNDS

Today

- JV/V Wrestling @ Falls City, 5:30 p.m.

Friday

- Boys and Girls Basketball @ Falls City, 4:40 p.m.

Saturday

- JV Basketball @ Savannah JV Tourn., TBA

Monday

- Freshmen Basketball @ South Harrison, 6 p.m.

Tuesday

- F/J/V Boys Basketball vs. Mid Buchanan, 5 p.m.

- JV/V Wrestling at Cameron 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Rumors put to rest: Walgreens store coming to Maryville

By Kenny Larabee
Community News Editor

A spokesman with Walgreens and a check with the Nodaway County Courthouse have confirmed that the national drugstore chain is indeed coming to Maryville.

Walgreens spokesman Robert Elsinger confirmed the store's plan to locate at the southwest corner of Main Street and South Avenue. A lease signed on Sept. 10, 2008 lists Village Development-Maryville, LLC as the landlord and Walgreen Co. as the tenant of the property just south of McDonald's in the

commercial block. The lease commences on Sept. 1, 2009.

Construction is planned to begin in the spring with the store tentatively scheduled to open in the fall of this year, Elsinger said. The 13,650 square foot store will be a prototypical Walgreens, featuring a single-lane drive-thru, a pharmacy, 1-hour photo and grocery among other services.

Maryville fit many of the criteria that Walgreens officials evaluate when coming to a community, Elsinger said.

"We look at the location, obviously. We look at the demographics of the com-

munity, census figures. We do look at the population size, we look at if there are any competitors in the immediate area. There's a lot of things that go into it," Elsinger said.

"Our people in the field ... seek out desirable locations, oftentimes corners of busy intersections, so Main Street and South Avenue fit that bill. We look for places we know, through a

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See a layout of the new Walgreens at Nwmissourinews.com

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The Walgreens coming to Maryville will be similar to many of the chain's stores, like the Walgreens at 2620 on the South Belt Highway in St. Joseph pictured here.

BUDGET | WHERE IT STANDS

\$342m shortfall in fiscal year 2009 Missouri state budget

124 positions could be cut at Truman State University

40 percent of Northwest's revenue this year came from state support

WHY WE'RE 47TH

Higher education dollars threatened in one of country's worst states for school funding

By Evan Young
Editor in Chief

Northwest begins its spring trimester awaiting news of possibly the biggest slash in higher education funding in at least seven years.

In an effort to alleviate a projected multi-million dollar budget shortfall for fiscal year 2009, the Missouri government will likely reduce its FY 2010 appropriations to state departments, including that of higher education.

Missouri is 47th in the nation for per capita support of higher education funding. While not exactly an honorable position, it's one that's hardly surprising to Paul Wagner, deputy commissioner of the MDHE.

"We were never in the Top 10," he said.

Before the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and the economic recession that followed, Missouri ranked in the "mid-30s" for higher education funding, Wagner said. But those events played a part in significant state budget cuts the following fiscal year, much of which higher education had to absorb, he said.

States began to ponder about their economic futures, which is where Missouri, and the other lower-ranking states for higher education funding, took a step backward, Wagner said. Rather than reinvesting funds into its workforce,

Missouri geared its public policy toward tax cuts and credits to stimulate business, he said.

Higher education appropriations were slow to climb back up to pre-Sept. 11 levels, though schools received much needed boosts from Jefferson City the past two fiscal years. Missouri's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30 of the next year.

But general state revenue collections were behind about 4 percent through November 2008 for FY 2009 than they were this time last year, due to decreases in sales and corporate taxes and an increase in tax refunds, according to state data. In all, even after ending FY 2008 with a \$833 million budget surplus, Missouri faces a projected \$342 million budget shortfall for FY 2009.

The impact

On Dec. 2, 2008, the Missouri Department of Higher Education asked all state colleges and universities to provide impact statements, outlining what their FY 2010 core budgets would be if state appropriations dropped by 15, 20 and 25 percent.

Depending on the final amount, the impact of this cut would vary from institution to institution. For Northwest, it could mean several things: freezes on salary and hiring; reduction in force and

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State funding per student

1. Wyoming	\$36.96
10. Nebraska	\$31.15
13. Arkansas	\$30.65
16. Kansas	\$29.44
17. Iowa	\$29.85
20. Oklahoma	\$28.64
33. Illinois	\$27.16
47. Missouri	\$15.05
50. New Hampshire	\$101.54

for fiscal year 2009
Source: Center for the Study of
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See full state ranking list
and more at
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UNIVERSITY NEWS

New residence hall expected to open fall 2010

By Whitney Keyes
Managing Editor

Despite possible budget cuts and an economic recession, Northwest is still making sure to put students first.

Even future students.

The University, in accordance with the enrollment increase projected by the Rational Enrollment Expectations Plan, is working on Phase Three of the Residential Life Master Plan.

Plans are in place for three new mixed-use buildings on the north side of campus, by the Forest Village Apartments and the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. The new housing will be suite-

"We have a pent up demand for student housing," University architect Becky Mullins said. "It's putting a crunch on all our spaces."

The current greenhouses in the area will be moved to an undecided location.

The new facilities would include housing, classrooms, a food venue and offices.

Mullins and other University officials plan for the buildings to be completed by fall 2010.

The Board of Regents approved an increase in the Master Plan in December, which calls for a total 300-340 beds to be included in the buildings. The new housing will be suite-

style living, with either 4-bed suites or 2-bed suites. Like other residence halls, the new buildings will include study lounges with kitchenettes, laundry rooms and a mailroom.

As of yet, it is undecided whether the buildings will be three or four stories.

The University has talked to several student focus groups in an attempt to decide on what type of food venue is needed and wanted.

Mullins said some student focus groups have suggested a 24-hour venue, but no decisions have been made at this point.

In order to finish construction for occupancy in 2010, Mullins

and the design team plan to break ground, if financially able, this April.

Along with other University officials, Mullins held a meeting on Jan. 8 for interested developers and architecture firms.

While some may worry about the current financial crunch Northwest is facing and how the new residence hall will affect that, Provost Kichoon Yang is not.

"Whatever we do on the residence hall side, the revenue generated with occupancy would be sufficient to cover the cost of construction," Yang said.

"It needs to be safe and beautiful," Mullins said. "And as always, put students first."

It seems to me that the Administration Building is such a central symbol of the University and the oldest building," he said. "I hate to see it named after one particular person even though I greatly admire the contributions the president has made to the University."

Instead of naming the Administration Building after Hubbard, Fulton thinks that a wing in the building could be named in his honor or the Center of Innovation and Entrepreneurship. The CIE would be a good option because it is just one of his many legacies at Northwest, he said.

The CIE was another proposed building, but was not formally submitted, Mittan said.

Although Fulton doesn't think the Administration

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RESIDENCE HALLS

Northwest starts 24-hour lock down, promotes campus safety

RETURNING FROM HIS morning art class, junior Duane Dougherty uses his fob key to get into Tower Suites West. Dougherty has to use his fob to get into the building at all times now due to a building policy mandated at the beginning of January.



photo by jared clark senior photographer

By Kiley Swope
Chief Reporter

In a move to make campus safer, residents of the Tower Suites will need their fobs to enter their buildings at all times.

After arriving back for the spring trimester, residents of the Tower Suites are adapting to 24-hour locked doors, Rose Vieu, Director of Residential Life said. Since built in 2004, Forest Village Apartments have had all entry doors locked because there is no front desk at any entry. Also without a front desk, the Tower Suites will be a 24-hour door lock, Vieu said.

Safety is the main purpose of the 24-hour locked doors. Telling students to lock their room doors is encouraged, but it cannot be enforced. Locking the exterior doors will provide one more barrier to the rooms, Vieu said.

Residents of the Tower Suites were informed of the change before break by signs hung up by the Complex Director.

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FRESHMEN SEMINAR

New Web site aimed to help freshmen gets mixed reviews

By Stacie Zika
Chief Reporter

After operating for a semester the PawPrints Web site faces mixed reviews.

PawPrints is a University-created Web site geared toward helping freshmen students transition into college life. The Web site contains features such as profiles, pictures, groups, discussions, articles, contests and more.

Freshmen are informed of PawPrints by e-mails, postcards, at orientation and through freshman seminar class.

PawPrints Internship Coordinator Jessica Peak said that PawPrints is similar to the freshman seminar curriculum, but that the Web site adds a different perspective.

"Our goal is to retain freshmen and to give them the right resources. Freshmen seminar does this a little bit but it can come off as a little preachy,"

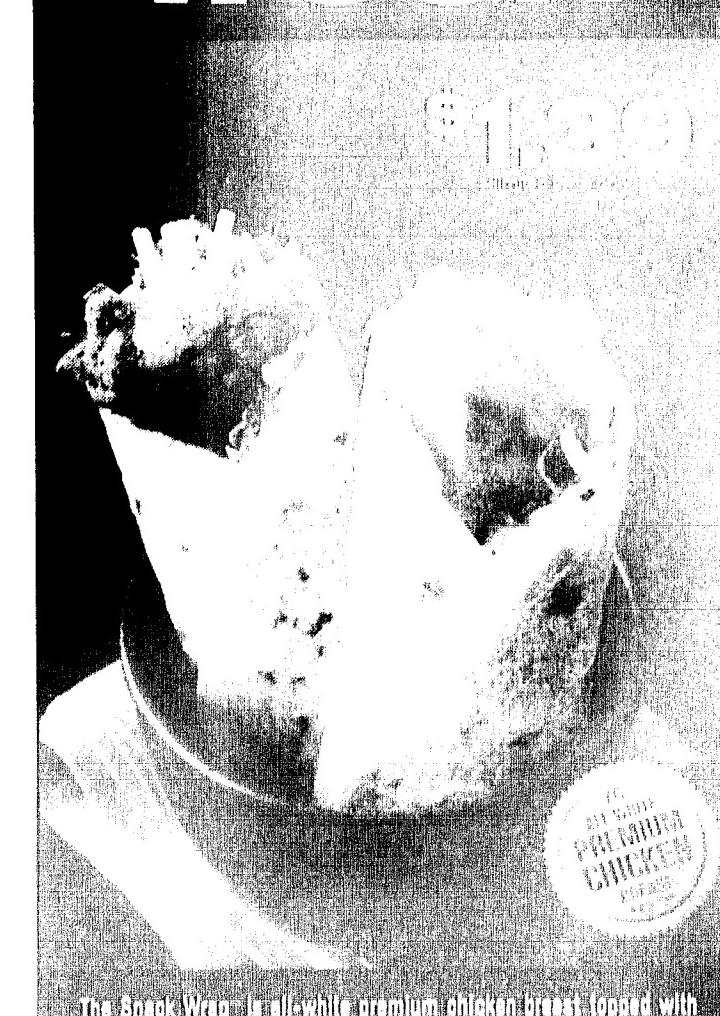
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ADULT EDUCATION

Counties team up to tackle adult illiteracy

By Kiley Swope
Chief Reporter

Improving their self-esteem, looking for better jobs or to assist their child with homework or read them a bedtime story are a few reasons why people seek help through the Adult Basic Education Program.

Northwest houses Adult Basic Education, a program run by the Maryville R-II School District and State of Missouri to tutor all ages of literacy students, Northwest's Adult Education and Literacy Director Linda Standerford said.

"I would have a hard time talking to a parent whose son or daughter had been harmed because someone came into our halls uninformed and I would have to say the only reason we did not have our doors locked 24/7 is because of an inconvenience," Vieu stated.

"It is definitely an inconvenience," East Tower Suite resident Jessica DeFreece said.

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COMMUNITY

NODAWAY COUNTY

Nodaway County Sheriff wastes no time starting job

By Kenny Larabee
Community News Editor

Newly elected Nodaway County Sheriff Darren White wasted little time in starting his new position.

The winner of the Nov. 4 election against incumbent Ben Espy, White walked in the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department just as the clock struck midnight on Jan. 1, ringing in a new year and a new era in Nodaway County.

He got to work right away.

"I arrived in uniform and I was there less than a minute and they sent me on a call," White said. "The deputies that were working were tied up with an injury accident. I just happened to be there and said 'You know what? I'm here, I'm ready to work, I will go do that for you.'"

That's pretty much been White's approach to his new job. It has to be. After all, 24-hour coverage was a key component of White's campaign last year.

All those who enter our program are assessed to find out what educational level they are on based on six levels," Standerford said. "If they are one of the lower three; beginning literacy, beginning basic literacy or intermediate low literacy, we try to match those students with a tutor."

The main Learning Center is located on Northwest campus, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday through Friday and 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in the Thompson-Ringold Building. Evening classes are offered in Stanberry, Albany, Grant City, Mound City and Tarkio. The Maryville Treatment Center also holds morning and afternoon classes, Standerford said.

So when two deputies resigned at the beginning of the year for other pursuits, White and the remaining deputies shouldered the load.

"I promised the people of this county that we would have



photo by jared clark senior photographer

SERVING THE ENTIRE county and providing 24-hour coverage are some of the goals newly-elected Nodaway County Sheriff Darren White plans to achieve during his tenure. He began his new job on Jan. 1.

other deputies have helped out by adjusting their schedules. The transition to a new sheriff — something that hasn't occurred in Nodaway County in 16 years — has been great, White said.

"They want to do the right thing and they want to move forward and everybody's been really good to work with," White said. "I can't say enough about the people that are there."

Nodaway County Chief Deputy Randy Houston has been with the department for 16 years. Although not many changes have taken place — White has only been officially on the job for two weeks and the schedule has been busy — Houston agreed that a transition to a new sheriff has been smooth so far.

Whether he wins everyone over or not might be an ambitious goal, but that doesn't mean Darren won't try to serve everyone in the community. They're pretty excited and happy for him."

White's ascension to the sheriff's office started more than 20 years ago as a reserve deputy in the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department in 1985. It was an unpaid position he took while working with the Nodaway County Ambulance District.)

White graduated from Missouri Western State's Law Enforcement Academy and was also a student for a time at Northwest.

He's served as a D.A.R.E.

CITY COUNCIL

City narrows list for firms to engineer tower project

By Kenny Larabee
Community News Editor

Maryville city officials continued forward with plans to construct two new water towers Monday night, narrowing a search for an engineering firm down to two companies.

Officials named Olsson and Associates, and BWR as the two companies to begin negotiations with for the engineering and design services of two new 750,000-gallon water towers. Through those negotiations, city officials will determine one of the two companies to move forward with, Maryville City Manager Matt LeCerb said.

"Basically, what I'm going to try and do is negotiate a reasonable engineering services fee for design and construction observation associated with the water tower project," LeCerb said. "They'll be with us from its inception complete to the completion of the water towers."

The new towers will increase Maryville's water supply from 1 million gallons in its one working tower to 2.5 million gallons and allow the city to reach its standard of 60 pounds per square inch of water pressure, Maryville Public Works Director Greg Decker said. The city does currently meet the 20 pounds per square inch required by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MoDNR).

"The main goal is to help with the hydraulic water pressure and fire flows throughout the city, so that we have equal distribution and equal flow throughout the city," Decker said. "Right now we don't have that at its optimal level."

Funds were set aside for the project in late 2007, but because of issues like the ice storm of that year, it was pushed back. During that time, the price estimates for the towers went up.

"Our latest cost estimates have been right around \$1.2 million per tower, so the price of metal did go up considerably and these towers are still a steel structure," Decker said.

Once the city determines an engineering firm, they will then need a permit from MoDNR before hiring a contractor for the construction of the two new towers. However, with contractors backed up, the project could be pushed back yet another year. Still, a silver lining could be found in waiting, LeCerb said.

"Our thought process is we bid it maybe in the 2009 construction season and an alternate for (the) 2010 construction season. If it's \$350,000 less to wait until next year, we're going to probably wait until next year," LeCerb said. "Our situation isn't going to change, so waiting a year to save over a quarter of a million dollars makes good sense. We're being good stewards of our taxpayer dollars."

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"I think it will be a great addition for the users," Auxier said. "The facility is very busy, so this will make it available for more potential users."

For more information about pricing and services for the community center, contact 562-2923.

DIGITAL TV

Future of digital conversion is unclear for local residents

By Elizabeth Sexton
Chief Reporter

Analog TV owners in Maryville could be left behind when broadcasting goes digital in mid-February, despite early preparations.

It's all about location, explains Irina Younger, Store Manager of Best Brands Plus a Radio Shack dealer.

"If you have an analog TV and already have problems with

reception, the digital converter box will not solve the problems," Younger said, referring to local areas with low elevation and weaker signals.

And these problems could get worse.

According to Younger, on Feb. 17, when stations make the switch to digital broadcast, TV fuzz will disappear — possibly with the entire picture. To prevent a blank-out, a larger antenna and amplifier can be

purchased in addition to the box — which runs between \$49.87 and \$59.99 at local providers.

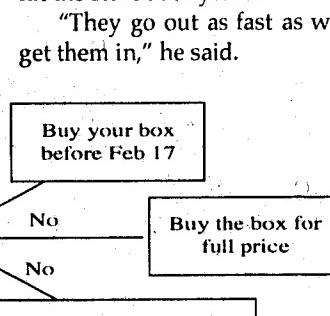
Cable users and digital-ready TV owners do not need to do anything to prepare. However, Cliff McNair, Best Brands Plus Store Owner, notes that many of these customers have purchased a converter box.

The switch toasts the benefit of opening broadcasting space and adding channels. However,

"Those without cable are sometimes those who are on a budget," she said. "For some, the box can cost as much as a trip to the grocery store."

In a local scramble to stock shelves with converters, Walmart Stores Manager Lonnie Scheifele said they continue to sell out. He hopes for a new shipment of 300 — which could hit the store at anytime.

"They go out as fast as we get them in," he said.



PARKS AND RECREATION

Community center to expand, accommodate more equipment

By Shane Sherwood
Senior Reporter

Maryville residents will soon see an expansion to the facility.

A two-story addition will be built onto the Maryville Community Center, Parks and Recreation Director Rod Auxier said. The addition will add about 8,600 square feet onto the center. The project should cost about \$1.9 million and is scheduled for completion by this October.

The project began two years ago when employees of the com-

pany center surveyed the center's users, Auxier said.

"Users said we needed expansion," Auxier said. "The last four years people thought we should expand."

SFS Architects, located in Kansas City, Mo., took on the project. The architect service drew up the plans for the original community center, Principal Architect for the project Kerry Newman said.

"The community center has been fairly popular," Newman said. "The addition onto the center is a response to the good response to the community cen-

ter."

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PHILANTHROPY

Ministry Center will honor Obama and M.L.K. with food drive

By Elizabeth Sexton
Chief Reporter

Local volunteers will join President-elect Barack Obama for a day of national service honoring Martin Luther King Jr. and his upcoming inauguration.

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OUR VIEW

Government should be careful with college cuts

We can learn two things while reading through recently submitted impact statements to the Missouri Department of Higher Education from nearly two dozen state colleges and universities, regarding impending cuts to their core budgets:

No two of these college budgets are the same, and many of them could be in big trouble.

Missouri's budget for this fiscal year will experience a shortfall to the projected tune of \$342 million, even after ending last fiscal year with an \$833 million surplus. Higher tax cuts and lower income taxes, among other things, left general state revenue collections behind

about 4 percent through November 2008 than last fiscal year, according to state data. Gov. Jay Nixon and state lawmakers appear dedicated enough to put their heads together and balance the budget.

That's the good news.

On the other side of the coin, Missouri will likely choose spending cuts over higher taxes to bring the state back to financial stability. Traditionally, higher education has served as an almost automatic pocket from which the state picks funds to make up for these deficits. That probably won't change this time around either.

What's almost certain to change,

though, is the amount of impact felt by the colleges and universities that experience budget reductions for FY 2010.

Large cuts came during the post Sept. 11 recession, for FY 2003. But appropriations before Sept. 11 were higher than they are now, and in the years since that cut, many colleges and universities' appropriations haven't been able to return to those pre-Sept. 11 levels.

Missouri is 47th in the nation for per capita higher education support. These days, having a degree, bachelor's or otherwise, is all but mandatory for surpassing the competition in the job market. Now is not the time for irrationally hindering our colleges and universities aren't so upbeat. Truman State Uni-

OPINION

PUBLIC SAFETY

Jan. 1

Animal complaint, warning issued, 300 block of E. Fourth

Johnny M. Titus,
43, Pickering, Mo., assault, 1500 block of E. First

Burglary, ongoing investigation, 1200 block of N. Main

Larceny, ongoing investigation, 800 block of E. First

Property damage, ongoing investigation, 100 block of E. Grant

Jan. 5

Domestic assault, ongoing investigation, 500 block of N. Mulberry

Jan. 6

Joseph R. Everhart, 18, Skidmore, Mo., wanted on warrant – failure to appear, 800 block of S. Main

Everett R. Walden, 67, Maryville, city code violation, 100 block of E. Fifth

Jason A. Barnhart, 33, Maryville, permitting peace disturbance, 300 block of E. Second

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BUDGET: Numbers still speculative

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When he became Northwest's president in 1984, Hubbard said state appropriations made up about 70 percent of the University's revenue. Today, that amount has dropped to around 40 percent, making cut scenarios a regular part of Northwest's budgeting process each year.

"As state cuts grow, the impact of them lessens," Hubbard said.

However, other state institutions believe the current situation is more urgent, even though any reduction amount is, at this point, speculative.

15 percent appropriation cut at Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo. would result in "a financial situation which would most likely require both layoffs and significant cuts to academic programs," according to Truman's impact statement.

A 15 percent reduction of state funding of this magnitude could possibly result in a declaration of a financial emergency and would set in motion a two to three year downsizing of faculty and staff which ultimately

utility and staff positions that opened up due to retirement or resignation those years remained temporarily vacant, Courter said.

The state legislature will formally adopt the FY 2010 budget in May, but new Missouri governor Jay Nixon (D) will offer his recommendation during his State of the State address on Tuesday, Jan. 27.

And while other institutions may make well aware to the public their concern about potential cuts, Hubbard said his optimism wouldn't budge, even after the final numbers come out.

"From my standpoint, I don't want to disrupt the living/learning environment any more than necessary, and I don't think it does any good to get everybody in a panic when they can't do anything about it," Hubbard said. "I don't want everybody standing around worrying about whether they're going to have to make cuts – I wouldn't be surprised. Hopefully we can do that in a way that's not disruptive."

MY VIEW

Egypt plays crucial role for peace in Middle East

The true proposal from the Gaza Strip's Palestinians and Israel, offered by Egypt, shows that Egypt's involvement in the Arab-Israeli conflict is as important as it was in the very beginning. Even though Egypt is currently involved in a different, more peaceful method than in the 1948, 1967 and 1973 wars

between the Arab states and Israel, that involvement is still crucial to the prospect of peace in the Middle East nonetheless.

Not only does Egypt's proposal allow for an increase in humanitarian aid to be given to Gaza, but also increases Egypt's role as mediator, decreasing the friction between the opposing forces and factions within. However, a complete cease-fire will be a little harder to acquire for Egypt without Israel's end to the blockade on Gaza, which was imposed when Hamas gained political control after the legislative elections in 2006.

Hamas, although severely disliked by the Western powers and Israel, offers a great deal, if not the majority of social services the Palestinian people depend upon, which would explain the huge success Hamas experienced in the 2006 legislative elections. Unfortunately for the Palestinians, Hamas doesn't exactly use the best diplomatic methods when dealing with Israel. This accounts for the Middle East's need for Egypt to step up, and pave the road to a more peaceful situation. And this role is not an impossible one to fill.

Although the Arab front suffered defeat after defeat in the conflict with Israel, the Arab nations united were still a force to be reckoned with. However, this all ended when the 1973 Yom Kippur War ended, and Egypt, the major force in the Arab front, signed the Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty in 1979. With Egypt's removal from the conflict, the Arab front, unified under this one belief that Palestine was being unfairly treated by the world, and by Israel, collapsed.

Since the 1979 peace treaty, Egypt's role has no longer been one of war in the Arab-Israeli conflict, but of peace – that supporting peace in rhetoric, or providing an active means toward the end result of peace.

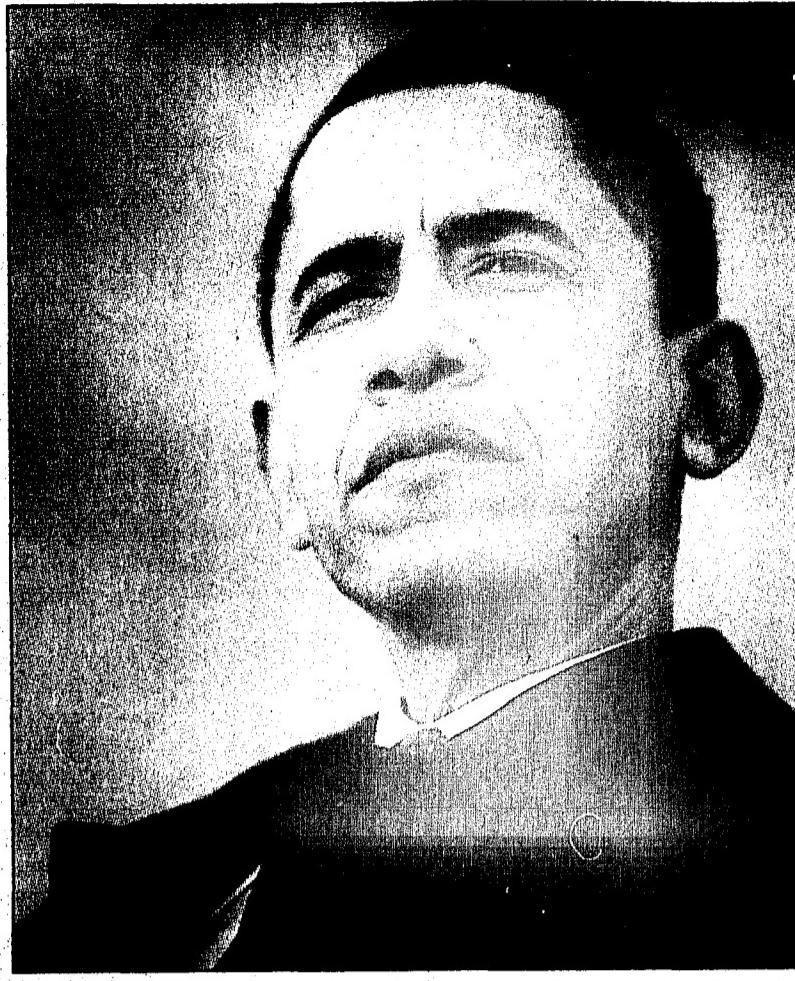
But Egypt will have to step up a little more. True, an immediate and lasting result of peace is fairly unlikely; the conflict will continue today, and it will continue tomorrow. But the situation can improve, be that in a humanitarian response to the lives lost to both sides, or in more preemptive ways of ceasefires, removing blockades, and sitting down to rationally discuss both sides' concerns. Either way, Egypt will not be removed from the Arab-Israeli conflict any time soon, nor should it be.

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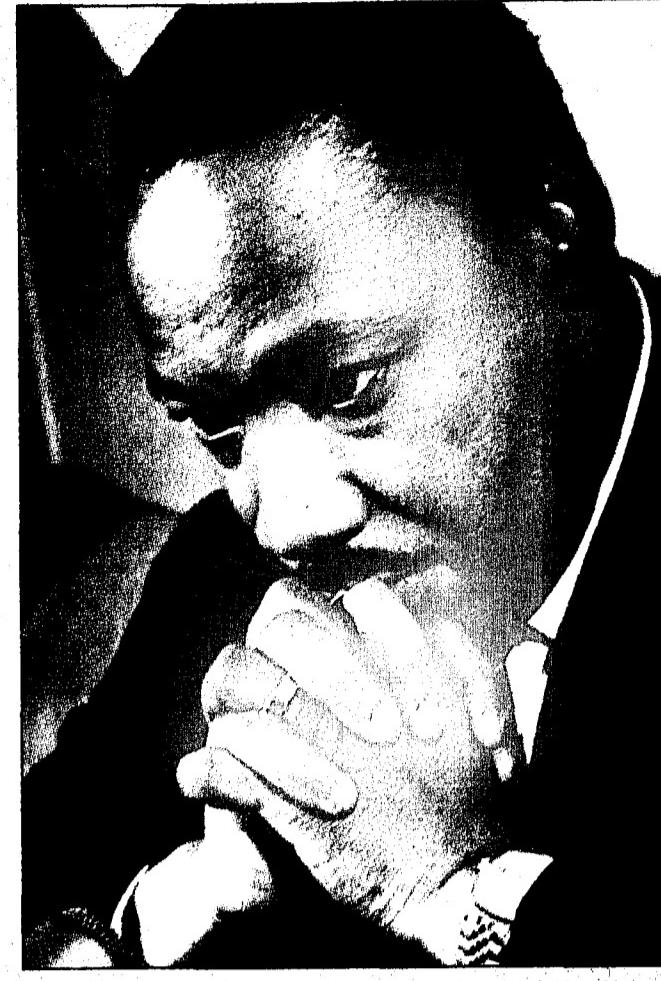
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president-elect barack obama



martin luther king, jr.

History celebrated Northwest honors black leaders

Here's a schedule of events that will honor Martin Luther King Jr. and Barack Obama next week.

• Discussion, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, in the J.W. Jones Student Union 3rd floor.

In the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, an interactive afternoon of simulations and discussions. Participants will have the opportunity to participate in two social justice simulations. The simulations will be followed by a debrief that takes the lesson

learned for into the real world.

The day will end with a discussion about real life issues plaguing our global community today. Come learn that in a world that is a little more than a clear meritocracy.

• Obama Inauguration Watch Party - Noon, Tuesday, Union Living Room

• Debate, "Has the dream been realized?" - 4 p.m. Tuesday, Union Living Room

The Northwest Forensic Team debates the question "Has the

dream been realized?" A generation after Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech, the inauguration of an black president could be a signal that the dream has been realized. The 45-minute debate will be followed by an open forum and Q-and-A session.

• Freedom Movie Day - 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Union Living Room

A day of powerful movies about civil rights struggles and triumphs.

• Voices of Struggle, Triumph, Freedom and the Future - 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22 in the Union Living Room

Horace Mann students, TUG and gospel choir read essays, display pictures and perform.

• A Day of Reflections - 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23 in the Union Living Room

A round table of college students shares thoughts on the state of civil rights and the future of race relations.

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COACH OF THE YEAR

HEAD COACH MEL Tjeerdsma addresses the team after the quarterfinal playoff win over Abilene Christian. Tjeerdsma was named AFCA Coach of the Year on Tuesday.



By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

Bearcats to consecutive Division II National Championships in 1998 and 1999.

Tjeerdsma becomes only the second three time winner of the award at the Division II level.

Tjeerdsma received this award following a 13-2 season that ended with the Bearcats losing in their fourth consecutive national championship game. MIAA Defensive Player of the Year Myles Burnsides said Tjeerdsma is very deserving of this award.

"We'll look up to him. He's a great

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Tjeerdsma wins third Coach of the Year award

role model," Burnsides said. "He's a great teacher. He's always been on top of D-II, but he's one of the best in the nation."

Tjeerdsma had already brought home the AFCA Regional Coach of the Year and MIAA Coach of the Year awards.

Tjeerdsma led the Northwest to a 9-0 MIAA record, the 13th undefeated conference season in history, eight of which have been achieved by the Bearcats.

See TJEERDSMA on B2

SPOTLIGHT | THE BIG HEAVY

WALKING TALL

Basketball player moves forward in record books, life

By Christopher Woodland
Sports Editor

At 6'9", 200 lbs, Northwest senior forward Hunter Henry has no problem reaching what others can't.

Known as "The Big Heavy," Henry ranks in the top 5 in six different Northwest career statistical categories including career points, rebounds and steals.

He became the tenth player in Northwest history to record 1,000 career points and 500 rebounds for his career.

With a place assured in the Bearcat record books, Henry looks ahead to life after graduation with his new fiance.

Christopher Woodland: What are you planning to do after you finish up with school and basketball this spring?

Hunter Henry: Well, I'm going to try to go play professionally over in Europe. I'm kind of waiting for the season to get over before I focus on that too much, but if that doesn't work out hopefully coaching and teaching somewhere in the Midwest.

CW: Have you talked to anyone about going over there yet?

HH: I don't really know how it works. I guess you really just need to know some people. We've got a pretty good network of players that played there. That kind of helps you get onto a team, and once you get onto a team they have kind of a minor league system they use. In each country there are probably two or three levels of play so you can get on a lower level and work your way up. Once you get your foot in the door it's a pretty good way to make a little bit of money.

CW: Is Europe something you've been thinking about for a little bit? Have you wanted to live over there for a while?

HH: It just came up because of basketball. After my sophomore year, coach Tappmeyer told me if it was something I wanted to do then I could probably be pretty successful, so it's been in the back of my mind for a while. I think it would be a good place to live too. If anything, I think maybe do it for a couple of years and travel the world.

CW: What's been the biggest challenge this year with being the only senior on a really young team?

HH: Just kind of selling the system to the new guys. It sounds kind of like a coach's job, but we use our players too. Usually we have a core of players, but this year not so much. That's been the biggest challenge.

I'm also still adjusting to being, I don't really want to say "the star" because we don't really have a star, but one of the better players in the league.

See HENRY on B2



SENIOR FORWARD HUNTER Henry shoots records in six categories. Last night he was 9-13 from the field for 26 points and had 10 rebounds in the victory over Central Mo. (PHOTO BY SETH COOK)

CHASING RECORDS

CAREER POINTS

5. Joe Hurst (1982-86) 1,580
6. Hunter Henry 1,371

CAREER REBOUNDS

3. Joe Hurst (1982-86) 777
4. Hunter Henry 704

CAREER FIELD GOALS MADE

4. Kelvin Parker (2001-04) 571
5. Hunter Henry 513

CAREER FREE THROWS MADE

4. Kelvin Parker (1982-86) 310
5. Hunter Henry 295

NW WOMEN

Injuries lead 'Cats to 'emotional loss' against Central

By Brian Boaljevac
University Sports Editor

An injury-plagued Northwest women's basketball team fought its way to a tough loss against Missouri Central last night.

The would-be game-winning three pointer sailed off the hands of freshman Tara Roach, rattled around the rim and bounced out as the final seconds slipped off the clock. The final score was 66-63.

"We wanted it tonight," senior

Micaela Uriell said. "It was an emotional loss, but we played probably the best game we have played all year."

Uriell scored 15 points to reach her fifth game with 10 or more points this year.

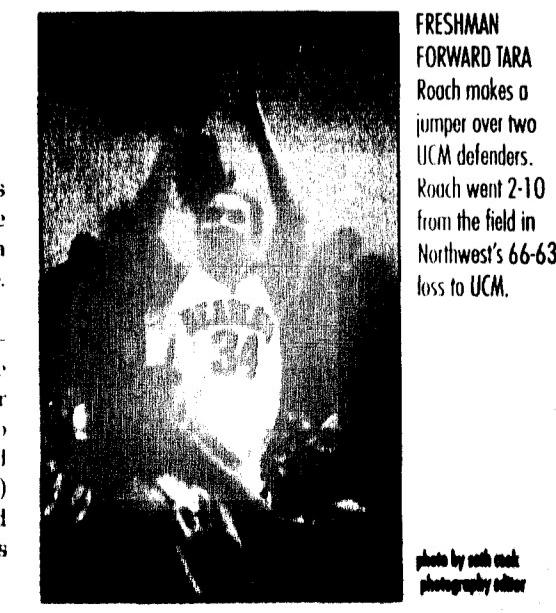
Fellow senior Meghan Brue recorded her fifth double-double of the season reaching double-digit points for 14th straight game.

"I had a feeling tonight that Micaela (Uriell) and Brue were going to have a good game tonight," coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "In pre-game warm ups, I

really have issues with our intensity. When Central went into the locker room and Uriell and Brue came down to that basket, it was the hardest I had seen them work a shooting drill this season. I could see it in their eyes, they wanted to play. Their strings running out they have 12 games left. They really want to go to Kansas City (MIAA Tournament) and I don't know if we're going to make it."

Northwest overcame an 11 point second half deficit bringing the game within one point when Rickey McElroy shot two free throws with 53 seconds left on the clock. The 'Cats were unable to completely close the gap against a Central Missouri team who upset No. 7 Washburn 12 days ago.

"I hate, I hate, I hate losing," Steinmeyer said. "We're 2-6 and conference and I hate it, but I couldn't be prouder of the kids tonight. We just had to go to war. We didn't have a point guard out there. My best defender (McElroy) got four fouls right away. We just had to patch it together. I love what the kids did tonight."



FRESHMAN FORWARD TARA Roach makes a jump shot over two UCM defenders. Roach went 2-10 from the field in Northwest's 66-63 loss to UCM.

photo by Seth Cook
photography editor

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bearcats defeat Central, win second straight MIAA game

By Christopher Woodland
Sports Editor

Working on the heels of a 14-2 run to start the game, and a pair of clutch free throws to end it, Northwest won its second consecutive MIAA game Wednesday night.

After No. 19 Central Missouri's De'Andre Byrd hit a three-pointer to start the game, the Bearcats went on a 14-2 run. Northwest's lead refused to quit though, and Mike Larson's free throws closed with a 61-57 victory.

The free throws came just seconds after Larson kept the Mules in the game by missing his previous two free throws.

"I missed those first ones, I just

had to kind of wipe it out, let it go and wipe those last couple away," Larson said. "All my teammates were behind me. They just told me 'erase your mind and go knock them down.'

Free throws made a significant difference in the first half too.

Central shot just one free throw in the first 20 minutes compares to the 'Cats' 12 as the teams went to the locker room with Northwest ahead 30-21.

Northwest senior forward Hunter Henry dominated the paint, while collecting yet another double-double. He finished with 26 points on 9-of-13 shooting, and 10 rebounds.

The win wasn't pretty, but Henry will take an ugly win over

a loss any day.

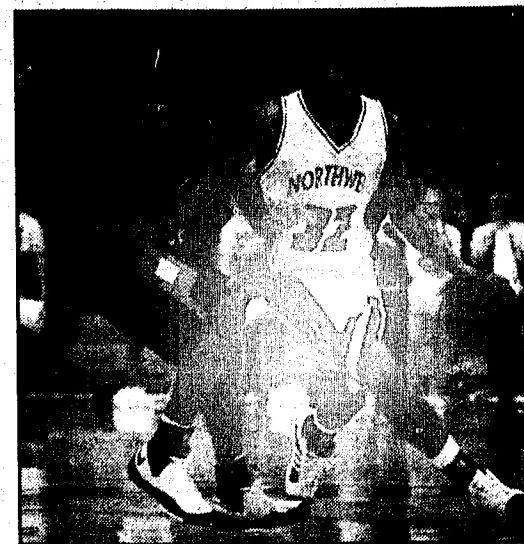
"We came out tonight and played a 40 minute team effort," Henry said. "It wasn't a very good game. We played up and down against Truman, and we played up and down tonight. I'll take 12 more ugly wins though."

After a rocky start to the season, Northwest has now won two conference games in a row and travel to No. 5 Southwest Baptist on Saturday.

"This is the most quality win we've had to point this year," Northwest coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "We're just going to enjoy it until tomorrow's practice."

Baptist lost 88-84 Wednesday night at Nebraska-Omaha.

Tipp-off is set for 7:30 p.m.



JUNIOR GUARD EDRIS FLOYD drives past a UCM defender on his way to a goal. Floyd went 3-of-5 from the field with one assist in the Bearcats' victory over UCM.

BEARCATS

MEN'S STATISTICS

Northwest	Central
44.7	Field Goal pct.
13	Assists
75.0	Three-pointers
12	Turnovers
61.5	Free throw pct.
58.8	

GAME LEADERS

Points	Rebounds
1. 26 - Hunter Henry	1. 10 - Hunter Henry
2. 14 - Elijah Allen	2. 6 - Shawn Carter
3. 7 - Edriss Floyd	3. 5 - Elijah Allen
Assists	Steals
1. 7 - Mike Larsen	1. 3 - Edriss Floyd
2. 2 - Shawn Carter	2. 2 - Mike Larsen
2. 2 - Dajuan Harris	3. 1 - Hunter Henry
FG percentage	3-pt percentage
1. 69.2 - Hunter Henry	1. 2-2 - Hunter Henry
2. 60.0 - Edriss Floyd	3. 1-1 - Edriss Floyd
3. 57.1 - Elijah Allen	3. N/A

WOMEN'S STATISTICS

Northwest	Central
53	Field Goal pct.
41.1	Assists
13	Three-pointers
18	Turnovers
65.0	Free throw pct.
62.5	Blocks

GAME LEADERS

Points	Rebounds
1. 21 - Meghan Brue	1. 12 - Meghan Brue
2. 15 - Micaela Uriell	2. 9 - Rickey McElroy
3. 13 - Rickey McElroy	3. 8 - Melissa Nyquist
Assists	Steals
1. 6 - Shelly Martin	1. 3 - Meghan Brue
2. 2 - Meghan Brue	2. 2 - Melissa Nyquist
caela Uriell, Tara Roach	3. 1 - Micaela Uriell
FG percentage	3-pt percentage
1. 62.5 - Rickey McElroy	1. 60 - Micaela Uriell
2. 53.3 - Meghan Brue	2. 50 - Meghan Brue
3. 50 - Melissa Nyquist	3. N/A

HENRY: Unfinished business in the MIAA

Continued from B1

There are some teams that I still can't figure out how to beat. CW: Which ones?

HH: Washburn. I haven't played well against them. They are a really athletic team, and they've managed to figure out how to frustrate me.

CW: How did Lance Sullivan's legal trouble and dismissal from the team affect you?

HH: It was a shock. I was working out at the golf course the first time I heard anything about it. Anytime one of your fans gets kicked off the team who can flat out shoot and score and is a great athlete, it takes away a major aspect of our team. I think we're still searching for someone to step in and fill the role that he had.

CW: How would you sum up and describe your five years at Northwest?

HH: Out of nostalgia, I'm going to say the Pittsburgh Steelers. The year I met my fiancé they won it all in '05. If New York hadn't lost (Sunday) I'd probably gone with them, but I'm going to go with Pittsburgh. They just seem tougher than everyone else.

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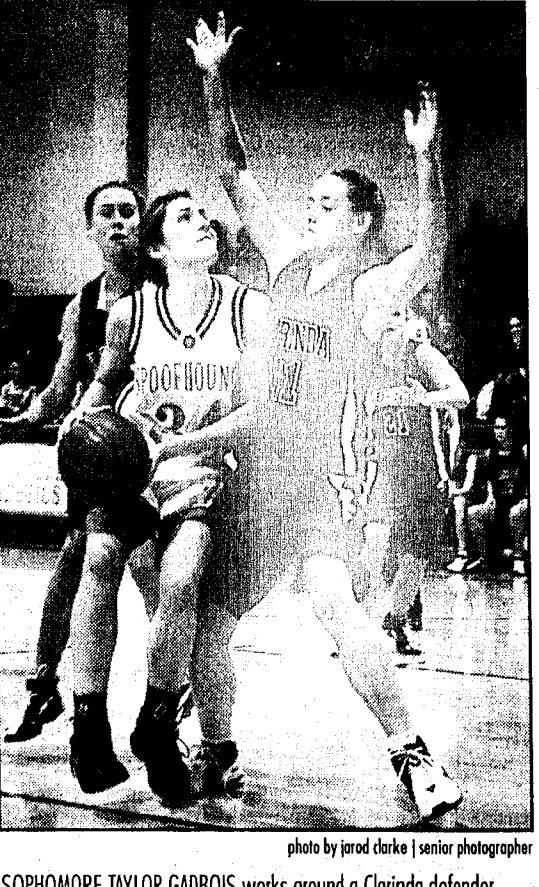
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SPOOFHOUNDS

GIRLS BASKETBALL



By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

Hounds overcome sluggish start

pointer by Mataya Wooten.

The Spooftounds only scored five points in the opening quarter while committing seven fouls. The second quarter started with the 'Hounds trailing 10-5.

"We tried to switch up the defense and I think that frustrated them," Hageman said. "We did a great job of giving them one shot and boxing out to get the rebound."

The Spooftounds went on a 27-8 run in the second half to win 47-33. Meridee Scott led the team with 11 points in the win.

"The girls defeated the Lafayette Fighting Irish 65-57

on Jan. 9 to pick up their first victory on their home floor. A little spill-over from the night before seemed evident when the Cardinals came to town the following day.

"I think it took us a while to wake up," coach Grant Hageman said. "We were a little tired and just not ready to go in the first half."

Clarendon jumped out to an early 8-0 lead before Maryville

finally broke its offensive drought with 1:35 remaining in the first quarter to a three-

WRESTLING

Wrestlers improve to 6-0 in duals, defeat Chillicothe

By Brian Bosiljevac
University Sports Editor

The Spooftounds wrestling team suffers from five injuries but refuses to let that get the best of them.

Tuesday night, the 'Hounds traveled to Chillicothe for its second conference match.

The match started out with the 130-pound weight class. Chillicothe won the match by forfeit and never looked back.

The Hornets won the next three matches, two by pin and the 'Hounds added another forfeit to Chillicothe's total.

It wasn't until the fifth match when Maryville's 152-pound Bryce Alexander pinned Jim Maxwell to give the 'Hounds their first points.

The Hornets went on to win the next two matches and lead the dual 33-6.

Just as winning the dual seemed impossible

Maryville's Derek Dean pinned the Hornets' Cory Low to take the 189-pound weight class and give the 'Hounds its second victory of the night.

Dean's win not only seemed to get things started for the 'Hounds, it also played a pivotal point in nights' outcome.

After the 189-pound match, Chillicothe's low was penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct. The result was a one point reduction from the team's overall total, a point that would later come back to haunt the Hornets.

The 'Hounds won their next three matches, with Thayer Hay, Jason Davis and Kelton Baker all winning by pin.

Chillicothe won one more match due to forfeit before Dakota Carmichael, 119-pound, and Dakota Merrill, 125-pound, finished the night with Spooftound victories.

The dual finished with a score of Maryville 39 and Chillicothe 38, leaving the Hornets' one point reduction for unsportsmanlike conduct to be the difference maker in the night's dual.

It is too early in the year to tell what the Spooftound's state tournament possibilities are, said coach Joe Drake.

Drake did mention that the five injuries have affected the team and led to the three forfeits the 'Hounds gave to Chillicothe Tuesday night.

Maryville is 6-0 so far this year in duals and will next take the mat at 5:30 p.m. today in Falls City, Neb.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Maryville boys blow out Auburn to win sixth straight, improve to 7-2

By Dustin Sander
Community Sports Editor

The Maryville boys' basketball team convincingly took down Auburn High School Tuesday night after a rocky start.

The Spooftounds' 70-50 victory over Auburn was their sixth straight and also the team's home opener.

Maryville started the game in a hole after a lights-out first quarter by Auburn. The 'Hounds were outscored by Auburn 24-15.

"The first quarter we just really weren't ready to play we were sluggish," coach Mike Kuwitsky said. "We were just standing around and weren't playing defense at all. It was kind of alarming, the fact we just weren't ready to play."

"The thing I like about the team

THE EXTRA POINT

Editor expects Philadelphia Eagles to overcome odds, win big at Super Bowl XLIII

Will the sports gods smile on the city of brotherly love twice in one year?

It wasn't too long ago we all watched the Phillips take down Tampa Bay in the Super Series.

Well, the Super Bowl is only weeks away, and I believe if the Eagles are able to take care of Arizona this weekend and finish off the AFC opponent in Tampa, the party in Philly will be even sweeter than after the World Series.

The Eagles definitely have overcome much more than the Phillips ever faced.

Let's start with the tie against Cin-

cinnati. After the game, Donovan McNabb openly admitted he didn't even know you could tie in a regular season game. But on his behalf, what kind of rule is that anyway? The MLB will have teams play 20-some innings to declare a winner. I hated when there were ties in Little League, there is no way you should be able to tie in a professional sports.

After the tie, the Eagles played one of their worst games all year when their possible Super Bowl opponents, the Baltimore Ravens, embarrassed them. In that game, Andy Reid benched McNabb at the half due to poor play.

In Philadelphia only a few weeks ago, many people were talking about both McNabb and Reid losing their

jobs. Reid should have nothing to worry, having taken his team to the play-offs seven out of 10 years.

As far as McNabb is concerned, the one thing missing on his NFL resume is a Super Bowl ring. McNabb was the second pick of the 1999 draft. He has been a five-time Pro Bowl selection. He was named the NFC Offensive Player of the Year in 2004.

This Sunday, look for Brian Westbrooks to have a break through game as the Eagles take down Arizona.

I can't think of a better way for McNabb to end the year than facing Baltimore in the Super Bowl and getting revenge on the team that forced him to be benched for the first time in his career.

WHAT TO WATCH

Woody's TV picks

Saturday

• Georgetown at Duke, CBS, 12:30 p.m. — Georgetown takes on a Duke team that only scored 19 first-half points against Florida State, but the Devils don't lose at home often.

Days rating (5 of 5)



Sunday

• Ravens at Steelers, CBS, 5:30 p.m. — I can't think of any NFL game in years that I have anticipated as much as this one.

Days rating (5 of 5)

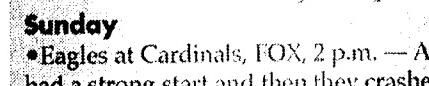


Brian's TV picks

Saturday

• Tales from the Hood, BET, 8 p.m. — If you have ever seen the show Tales From the Crypt, this is a lot like it. It's four supernatural stories intertwined.

Days rating (2 of 5)



Sunday

• Eagles at Cardinals, FOX, 2 p.m. — Arizona had a strong start and then they crashed hard. I'm an Eagles fan and I didn't think there was a shot at the play-offs. But they are here now and it should be a fun to watch.

Days rating (5 of 5)

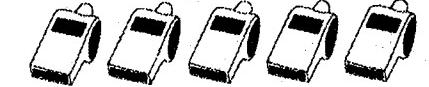


Jason's TV picks

Saturday

• Kansas at Colorado, ABC, 2:30 p.m. — This game probably won't mean much, but it's worth watching the Jayhawks run up the score.

Days rating (5 of 5)



Sunday

• Smokey and the Bandit, CMT, 4:30 p.m. — The epic tale of bootlegging vs. law enforcement. The Bandit and Snowman battle the legendary Buford T. Justice.

Days rating (3 of 5)



Dustin's TV picks

Saturday

• Pitt at Louisville, ESPN, 5 p.m. — This game will be Pitt's first big match up as No. 1 in the country and I don't think they'll be able to handle it.

Days rating (4 of 5)



Sunday

• Flight of the Conchords, HBO, 9 p.m. — New Zealand's fourth most popular guitar-based digi-bongo acapella-rap-funk-comedy folk duo make a pretty good TV show.

Days rating (4 of 5)



NW BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Men

	MIAA	OVERALL
Southwest Baptist (5)	6-1	13-1
Emporia State	6-2	12-3
Central Missouri (19)	5-2	12-2
Missouri Southern (13)	5-3	15-3
Washburn	5-3	9-6
UNO	4-3	10-4
Missouri Western	4-3	7-7
Fort Hays	3-5	10-5
Pitt State	2-5	7-7
Northwest	1-6	6-8
Truman	0-8	5-10

* Wednesday games not included.

SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

Woody's picks

Prediction record (0-0)

NCAA Lock

Pitt at Louisville — Panthers

Pitt has shown some serious

metal in recent weeks in the way

to the school's first No. 1 basketball

ranking ever.

NCAA Upset

Georgetown at Duke — Hoyas

It's always tough to beat the Blue

Devils in Cameron, North Carolina,

but Duke's offense struggled

against Florida State.

NFC Championship

Eagles at Cardinals — Eagles

If the Cards are the best the NFC

has to offer, this year's Super Bowl

will turn out to be one of the least

entertaining in history... unless

you are a Steelers or Ravens fan.

AFC Championship

Raven at Steelers — Steelers

These teams hate each other when

there isn't a championship on the

line. The first two game this year

were great. The Ravens have been

gunning for Lyles Ward all year

and haven't got him yet. The Steel

ers will force Flacco to beat them

in the long-run I think the

combination of James Harrison's

pass rush and Troy Polamalu's hair

will force him to finally crack.

Brian "The Bulldog's" picks

Prediction record (0-0)

NCAA Lock

Notre Dame at Syracuse — Cuse

Notre Dame is a good team but the

Orangemen are better, plain and

simple. Plus home court advantage

won't favor well for the Irish.

NCAA Upset

Kansas State at Nebraska — NU

NU is coming off a big conference

win against Mizzou. For a school

known for football, watch out for

the Huskers to make a little noise

this basketball season.

NFC Championship

Eagles at Cardinals — Philly

Philly's running game has been

kept quiet the past two weeks.

Watch for Brian Westbrook to have

a break through game. I know the

Cardinals keep winning and

playing the 'we're not

getting any respect' card, so I'll

pick them to get a sloppy win over

the Eagles at the end.

AFC Championship

Ravens at Steelers — Steelers

I like the toughness of the Steel

ers, but with Big Ben still just three

weeks off a concussion, I'm going

with the Ravens. Their defense is

stifling and ranks statistically

above the Steelers in every impor

tant defensive category.

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AT YOUR LEISURE

Top 4 picks of the week

By Sydney Moore
Features Editor

STROLLER

Your Man says here we go again



As we set out for another four months of newspaper and Scantron cards, I would like everyone to reflect on the large amounts of nothing they accomplished over the break.

Personally, I reached a career high average of 12 hours of sleep per day for the last four weeks, while still finding time to read the first 27 pages of a book.

With every new year comes the excitement of making a New Year's resolution. Most people are determined to pick something they find difficult to do and stick to it, and many choose something like working out more or trying harder in school. Sometimes, people follow through. For others, however, resolutions last for a month or so. Why? We have no idea. Maybe it's because after a few months we run out of steam. Or maybe it's the cruel world telling us we can't succeed. Instead of making a practical resolution this year, the Vibe has decided to make things a little easier. Here is a list of new and improved resolutions for 2009. Maybe you'll find one you can follow throughout the year, or maybe for just a few months. Whatever the case, make yourself feel just a little bit better. Go ahead, borrow one of ours if you find one you like, we won't tell.

- I need more time for myself, less time for other people.
- Save money, buy cheaper beer.
- Become more eco-friendly and start showering with a friend.
- Hate life less.
- Walk across every so-called heated sidewalk at Northwest.
- Catch a squirrel.
- Find a cure for cancer, don't drink Maryville tap water.
- Learn the names of the randoms from the bar.
- Try to recall at least one weekend night.
- Learn to sword fight, catch a pirate.
- Master the force and battle the dark side.
- Escape a Maryville wind tunnel.
- Minimize drunk dials and texts.
- Find the most creative 'that's what she said' joke.
- Test attendance policies by skipping class more often.
- Learn to polka.
- Fight a mountain lion.
- Facebook less...at least while I'm in class.
- Actually learn how to underwater basket weave.

RESOLUTIONS

Gave up soda



Joan Ahart
Freshman

No more soda.

The deciding factor: "There are a lot of calories in pop."

Greatest obstacle: "Going out – plus, it's expensive to buy tea and stuff. I guess I'll stick to water."

Time frame: "As long as I can hold out."

Support system: "My roommate is doing it too. When she told me she was going to, I decided I would. I just followed her. It's not going to be that tough."

Calories: According to thecoca-colacompany.com, the following calories are found in some of the most popular soft drinks (8 fl.oz.).

- Coca-Cola Classic: 97
- Barq's Root Beer: 111
- Sprite: 96
- Pibb Xtra: 97

Alternatives: • Milk
• Tea
• Water
• Sports drinks

Vegan



Suzie Gilbert
Junior

No more meat or animal by products.

The deciding factor: "The health benefits. I want to know everything I put in my body, and of course, animal cruelty."

Greatest obstacle: "It's expensive and everything I eat right now is beige. Also, everything has milk in it, but it will pay off – I'll live longer."

Time frame: "I'm just testing it, see how long it goes. Definitely not lifelong – it's not good to raise kids or be a pregnant vegan, so probably just a few years."

Support system: "My family is pretty supportive, but my friends are all jokes, like asking if I can eat animal crackers, like I haven't heard that one before. It's not like I force them to not eat meat, so I don't understand why they try to wave cheesy meat saturated in milk in front of me."

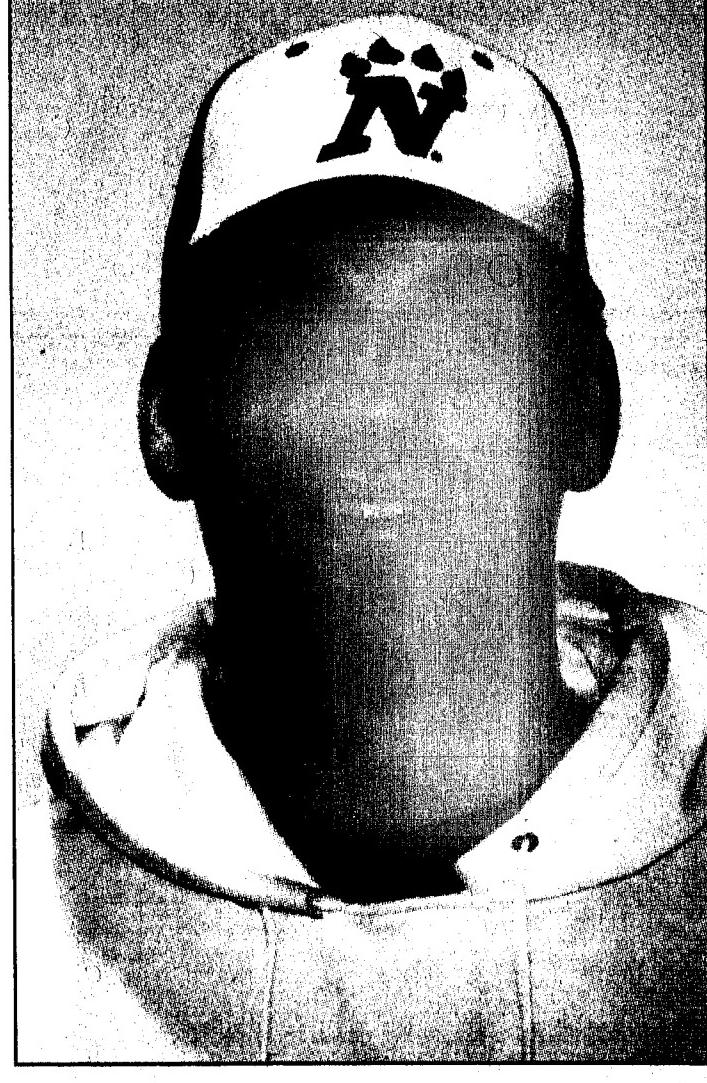
What NOT to eat:

- Dairy
- Eggs
- Honey
- Jell-O

What NOT to wear:

- Wool
- Leather
- Silk

No bad-mouthing kids



Joel Epley
Senior

No more bad mouthing adolescents on Xbox Live.

The deciding factor: "I realized I'm 22 years old and it's pathetic. It's much better to do it in person, anyway."

Greatest obstacle: "They always instigate the trash talk."

Time frame: "At least until my account is over, so six months."

Support system: "Absolutely not – I think it's more entertaining for them."

How Xbox Live works:

- Must have high-speed Internet access
- Allows gamers to interact with other players of the same game
- Allows personal messaging, online scoreboards and voice chats

Problems: According to Howstuffworks.com, the largest problem with Live is the presence of "griefers." A griefer is someone who finds joy in taunting others via voice chat, or playing the game in an "annoying or disruptive way."